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Modesto Junior College
Child Development Advisory Committee
Agenda
October 22, 2014

- **Welcome and Introductions (New MJC Faculty Member)**
- **Discuss and approve Student Eligibility & Payment Policies**
- **Gail Brovont** - CDTC status
- **Janet Chisler** – Report on Sequoia Preschool Academy
- **Veronica Garcia** – Report on SCOE
- **Cathy Jepson** – Report on Special Kids Child Dev. Center
- **Brenda McDonald** – Report on Children’s Crisis Center
- **Debbie Parr Noblitt** – Report on CCCDS
- **Dawn Reece** – Report on Waterford Child Development
- **Rosemary Sandoval** – Report on Empire School District
- **Libby Soria** – Report on CSUS Child Development Center
- **Michele Baker** – Report on Ceres School District
- **Tami Wood** – Report on Planet Kids Preschool
- **Caroline Dias/Carla Piper** – Report on Brandman University
- **Carol Gossett** – Report on Fresno Pacific University
- **Comments/Questions**
- **Save the date: *Spring Meeting on Wednesday, March 25, 2015!***

Child Development Advisory Committee Meeting

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Fall 2014

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- Laurie started the meeting with a thank you to each member present and then she explained that the cake we were serving at the meeting was in honor of Linda Stephan, our new Child Development Faculty member.

- Introductions were made as each attendee introduced himself or herself. Laurie explained that the cake we served at the meeting was in honor of Linda Stephan our new Child Development Faculty.

Student Eligibility Criteria & Priorities for Enrollment Policies:
Laurie passed around the Student Eligibility Criteria and Priorities to be reviewed and discussed for a vote. Laurie explained that the policy has to be voted on each year. Laurie stated that we offer students reimbursement for classes taken (Child Development and General Education classes that go toward graduation) and we have a book loan program.

- A motion was made by Rosemary Sandoval, seconded by Veronica Garcia to accept the policy for this year. Motion passed.

Gail Brovont (CDTC) - Gail passed around three brochures from the CDTC. Gail explained the brochures and about the Consortium website. The website is the hub and has the most information. Gail also explained about the Training Portal available on the website. If

centers have students/staff that need a certain training, they can find information or links available to find any opportunities for trainings or classes that may be available at another college. Debbie Laffranchini asked about having someone from the CDTC come to talk to the Child Development Club. Gail stated that she would be happy to do that and to email her about a date and time.

Veronica Garcia (SCOE) - Veronica stated that she was happy to hear about the offerings of the CDTC and was happy with the reminder of the programs that they offer to students. SCOE will not have the TQP program, because enrollment has dropped. They have something new going on with a partnership between SCOE, Modesto City Schools and City of Modesto. They have started The West Side Collaboration, hoping to open up new child care family homes. They will offer trainings and help people open up FCCH. If you have any questions or know of any interested persons, you can contact Lety Cardenas or Lisa Henry at (209)238-6400. They are focusing on Health & Safety first, then they will work on the units.

Pam Guerra-Schmidt is the Mentor and they have a group of 6 FCCH and they are working on mentoring the new FCCH.

Enrollment is an issue with some programs. Veronica has flyers available. Migrant HS is really low and there have been some sites that have closed.

Health & Safety is still an issue. Veronica asked that issues be addressed in classes. Debbie Laffranchini stated that our Health & Safety classes spend 10 weeks on Health & Safety.

SCOE would like to broaden their partnerships and asked that any upcoming events be brought to her attention, so that she can attend.

Carol Gossett (Fresno Pacific University) - Carol explained that Fresno Pacific University highlights that Special Education/inclusion is important in their program. The university offers an iPad as part of their tuition for each student's use while they are taking classes. The program is 18 months in length. They also offer a program where all classes are taught online. She also stated that they are looking for adjunct faculty for online classes and Merced Satellite campus. Those persons interested in these positions need to have a Master's degree or higher.

Brenda McDonald (Children's Crisis Center) - Brenda stated that they currently operate four sites in Stanislaus County and soon are they are opening another site in Modesto. They are recruiting for Child Development staff. They need to have an Associate Permit or higher. Supervision being taught is a concern for them as well.

Debbie Laffranchini asked about a flyer for the teacher positions to pass out to the Child Development Club.

Libby Soria (CSUS Child Development Center) - Libby passed out flyers for the different Child Development tracks that are offered at CSUS and briefly explained the differences in the tracks. There is an option to propose their own track if they have another line of work in mind.

FAST Track is for students that are transferring from a two-year college. It is being revised right now, but is still available.

Libby also talked about their Child Development Lab and the opportunities that are available, including Internship possibilities.

Laurie asked that Libby send an electronic version of all the pamphlets handed out, so that they can be placed on the faculty BlackBoard.

Laurie asked if Libby has heard about the new credential for Child Development. Libby stated that she has started to hear about things, but has not heard any details. Carol Gossett stated that she has heard that there is a new bill for 2015 that TK staff will be required to have 24 units in Child Development. They will be grandfathered in and have 5 years to get 24 units in Child Development.

Libby Soria stated that the new TK will be for the students who are at the most risk.

Pam Guerra-Schmidt asked if CSUS will be having a forum with other colleges about the FAST Track? - Libby will take it back with her and see what happens.

Pam Guerra-Schmidt talked about the Spring Advisory meeting where we broke up into small groups to talk about the needs of the community. As a result of those groups, we are offering a late start class for practicum for students at CCCDS, so that they can get their practicum units.

Mandy Jenkins (SAEYC) - Mandy addressed the students and told them that they can join cheaper as a student. They are looking for new/younger members that are interested. Veronica stated that she is the secretary for SAEYC and she handles the mailings and the emails. The meetings are held at the SCOE office on H Street.

Tanya VanderWeide stated that the CAEYC conference is in Sacramento this year and SAEYC offers scholarships to attend.

Michele Baker (Ceres School District) - Michele states that due to TK, they are suffering with enrollment. She stated that all of their programs are now on school sites.

Rosemary Sandoval (Empire School District) - They are at 3 elementary sites. They have 150 children in their programs. She has an opening that is closing on the 23rd of October. She encouraged the students to check the EdJoin website (www.EdJoin.org) for current job listings. They are celebrating Head Starts 50th Anniversary, so they are celebrating all year. They are seeing a rise in the health issues in their students.

Caroline Dias/Carla Piper (Brandman University) - Brandman is in an accreditation cycle right now. They have redesigned their program to include children from 0 - 8 years old. They are working on a partnership with Columbia College. Carla stated that they will be looking for faculty to teach classes at Columbia College.

Caroline Dias (Stanislaus County Local Planning Council) - They too are looking for new members.

Tanya VanderWeide (Salida School District) - They just started an Early HS at MJC in the Toddler Lab. Parents are satisfied with the program. They have a new Home Base site with office space for staff and where the students can meet twice a month. Salida is seeing a lot more students with disabilities. She stated that she is glad to hear that there are classes that are offered for students to be informed.

Debbie Laffranchini stated that we are now offering new classes for children with Special Needs. CLDDV 160 – Introduction to Children with Special Needs, CLDDV 163 – Curriculum and Strategies for Children with Special Needs. We are going to be reactivating the Autism class.

Rosemary Sandoval offered to have students come to her classes to observe children with special needs, as 20% of their children have special needs.

Linda Stephan stated that she is pleased with the continuity of the partnership with Early Head Start. As the semester draws to a close, the children will be visited at home, while their services are not available at the college, and then will be come back in the Spring to attend in the lab.

Tami Wood (Planet Kids Christian Preschool) - She stated that they are done with the remodeling of their program. They are in need of more teachers for their program in order to increase their enrollment. They have an indoor structure/center (like an indoor paly area at Chuck E. Cheese) available for the community to use.

Addressing the Child Development students in the room, Laurie added that it all boils down to teacher disposition. She hopes that they learn to have a positive outlook when dealing with children.

Debbie gave brief report about Student Success. We have a grant that is coming through to narrow/close the gap for students in specific populations to achieve student success.

Sarah Ford (MJC Preschool Program) - We have gone from a part time program to a full time program. They have a Family Participation Preschool Monday through Thursday afternoons as well as the Lab in the mornings.